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E. O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, PINR, AO, CU  
SUBJECT: BELGIAN CHARGE REPORTS UNREST IN ANGOLA

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY'S AFRICAN DESK OFFICER (VERKAMMEN) TOLD  
US MAY 27 THAT BELGIAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRES IN LUANDA REPORTED  
"EXPLOSIVE SITUATION" IN LUANDA. CITING "GENERAL DISCONTENT"  
OF ANGOLANS WITH NETO GOVERNMENT, BELGIAN CHARGE REPORTED THAT  
FAPLA TROOPS ARE SURROUNDING THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE  
TO PREVENT EXPECTED DEMONSTRATIONS FROM REACHING THE  
PRESIDENTIAL PALACE.

2. CHARGE REPORTS NITO ALVES HAS BEEN ARRESTED AND THAT MANY  
OF NITO ALVES' SUPPORTERS HAVE BEEN REPORTEDLY MEETING DURING  
THE NIGHT.

3. CHARGE REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT NETO, IN A RECENT SPEECH,  
STATE D THAT "NO CATHOLICS OR PROTESTANTS COULD REMAIN IN  
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THE ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT". CHARGE REPORTED THA THIS HAS  
"DEMORALIZED" THOSE ELEMENTS OF THE MPLA WHO ARE RELIGIOUS.

4. MPLA SOURCE TOLD CHARGE THAT MPLA REGIME WOULD BE IN  
SERIOUS DANGER IF THIS POPULAR DISCONTENT REACHES THE RANKS  
OF THE FAPLA.

5. CHARGE REPORTS THAT ANGOLAN WORKERS OF GULF OIL FIELDS IN MAINLAND CABINDA HAVE ALREADY BEEN EVACUATED TO LUANDA. A SHIP HAS BEEN SENT TO RETRIVE THOSE WORKERS WHO ARE STILL ON GULF OFFSHORE RIGS. CHARGE REPORTS UNITA IS EXPLOITING TENSE SITUATION IN LUANDA BY STEPPING UP OPERATIONS IN SOUTHERN ANGOLA. SOURCES REPORT CONSIDERABLE FPLA WOUNDED EVACUATED BY AIR FROM SERPA PINTTO TO LUANDA.

6. VERKAMMEN CAUTIONED THAT PRESENT BELGIAN CHARGE IN LUANDA IS RELATIVELY JUNIOR CONSULAR OFFICER WITH LIMITED POLITICAL EXPERIENCE. RENNER

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